

Starting a PhD, entering the PhD process, scientific writing (1.5 ECTS)

Teaching periods

Friday September 22 and Thursday September 28, 2023 ; Thursday February 22, 2024. 9h15 – 17h15

Teaching team

Caroline Henchoz, HETSL, HES-SO

Isabelle Skakni, Head of Researcher Career Development, HES-SO

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Venue

University of Neuchâtel, Ave. du 1er Mars, 26, room B29

Content of the seminar

This seminar is compulsory for all doctoral students of the ITTS at the beginning of their PhD process. Starting a PhD project requires the sharpening of diverse professional and scientific skills. Beyond the development of a precise research question and a literature review, it implies managing the planning of a project and its long-term administration, the consideration of the social and financial environment, as well as the organisation of daily scientific work. During the PhD process it implies the refinement of practice in scientific writing, the development of a scientific network, the presentation of the PhD work in progress at conferences and the development of publication strategies.

This doctoral seminar consists of a first day in English with the planning and the organisation of a PhD thesis (Barbara Waldis, ITTS, UniNE) and the different stages of the PhD experience (Isabelle Skakni, Head of Researcher Career Development, HES-SO). The second day is given in French (Caroline Henchoz, HETSL, HES-SO) and in German (Barbara Waldis, ITTS, UniNE) and is dedicated to scientific writing (including use of ChatGPT). At the beginning of the spring semester, a third day is dedicated to scientific writing (simultaneously in French and German) and to exchange with more advanced PhD students about their PhD.

Form of teaching

Presentations, workshop, discussions, elaboration of texts

Form of evaluation

Internal. Presence, discussion, presentation and elaboration of texts for the writing workshop.

Learning goals

- Understand the conception and the possibilities of a PhD process at the ITTS
- Clarify the individual goals of the PhD process and possible career path
- Create a sense of community with other doctoral students
- Deepen the individual learning process of scientific writing

Transferable skills

- Plan a scientific research project
- Scientific writing

Pre-condition

Registration as a PhD student at the ITTS.

Documentation & literature

All the documentation will be available on Moodle and on the first day of the seminar.

